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Sir:

LETTER REGARDING INTERVIEWS

Applicants confirm receipt of the Interview Summary mailed on December 7, 2005, which reflects a telephone interview on December 1, 2005 between the undersigned, Examiner Chu, and Supervisory Primary Examiner Parker. In the interview, the undersigned presented arguments consistent with those presented in the remarks of the Response filed on October 11, 2005. As noted at the very end of the Interview Summary, the interview concluded with an indication by Examiners Chu and Parker that they would give further consideration to the matter and then call the undersigned back.

As promised, Examiner Parker called the undersigned on December 8, 2006. Examiner Parker indicated that he agreed with Applicants' position that Claims 4 and 24 should have been

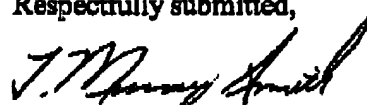
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considered on the merits. Examiner Parker also indicated that he was withdrawing the final rejection dated September 19, 2005, and that the PTO would be issuing a further communication in the near future.

To date, Applicants have not yet received the further communication mentioned by Examiner Parker, and the PAIR system does not show that any further communication has been mailed. Since the PTO has not yet issued any communication formally confirming that the final rejection of September 19 has been withdrawn, and since the six-month time period started by that final rejection is about to expire, Applicants are filing this Letter to confirm their understanding that the final rejection of September 19 has in fact been withdrawn, and that responsibility for taking further action currently rests with Examiner Chu rather than with Applicants.

Respectfully submitted,



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